

REPRIMAND


Matthew Mezger
1155 Long Branch Street
Humboldt, NE 68376

Certificate Nos. 2012001270 & 2009003113
Case No. 12020

Matthew Mezger, a Nebraska school certificate holder, you are hereby reprimanded for violating the standards of professional conduct and ethics. It has been reported that on December 1, 2011, you sent an inappropriate personal text message to a female student, although you indicated the text message was meant for your wife. In addition, you had been verbally cautioned by school administrators on more than one occasion in previous school years to be aware of how your interaction with staff or students was being perceived by others as inappropriate. Your conduct is a violation of Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 27, Section 004.03C (effective date: November 12, 2003) which states, "the educator: Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions which interfere with the learning process or are harmful to health or safety"; Section 004.03D (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall conduct professional educational activities in accordance with sound educational practices that are in the best interest of the student"; Section 004.04F (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall, with reasonable diligence, attend to the duties of his or her professional position"; Section 005.02A2 (same effective date) which states, "Each educator shall: Supervise others in accordance with law and policies of the school system"; and Section 005.02B2 (same effective date) which states, "Each teacher and special services provider shall: Adhere to and enforce written and dated administrative policy of the school which has been communicated to the teacher or special services provider".

Any further unprofessional or unethical conduct may result in the suspension or revocation of your Nebraska school certificate.

Dated this 27th day of August 2012.


Roger D. Breed
Commissioner of Education

This reprimand is public and is subject to publication. A copy of this reprimand will be maintained by the Department of Education. Additionally, a notation will appear on your official certificate record that you received a reprimand on this date.